

Thompson Trails Committee MINUTES December 7, 2015  
Thompson Town Hall

In attendance:

Karen Durlach, Mike Lajeunesse, Charlie Obert, David Ostrowski; Tom Ayu

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Thompson Town Hall. Charlie volunteered to be moderator. Mike made a motion, seconded by David, to accept the minutes of October 5; motion carried.

**Correspondence:**

- Request from Town Clerk for 2016 meeting dates. Karen will submit (2/1, 4/4, 6/6, 8/1, 10/3, 12/5)
- Request from Roberta Baublitz to join/help/support the Trails Committee
- John K. wrote in about damage to the Tri-State survey pin; Karen will contact DEEP
- Thank you letters sent to Joshua Allen and Tyler Shanley for their help on LeClair Trail maintenance
- Charlie distributed links to East Coast Greenway Bike Summit seminars

**Finances:** No update. 2016 Turkey Trot figures almost finalized.

**Partners:** Roberta Baublitz is interested. John K. will steward the Tri-State Marker Trail.

**Events**

- Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 John Monroe will present a workshop on landowner contact. Room reserved at the Thompson Library. Tentatively 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We generated a list of people and groups to invite. Karen will coordinate.
- Walktober: Charlie's rescheduled bike ride on the Airline had no attendees.
- 2015 Turkey Trot: participation substantially down from 2014; some new sponsors but sponsorship down. Follow-up meeting not held yet. Approx. \$3400 to TEEG, \$1700 each to Trails and Rec. Dept.
- Invitation from Thompson Library to do a spring program on Thompson trails. Under discussion if possible to prepare for spring 2016.

**Trail Updates:**

- Dec. 8 meeting at UCONN to hear presentation on Blain Bridge design; 4 committee members plus Planner & Selectman to attend
- Mike received an ambiguous rejection letter from Ellis Tech on Ithiel Town bridge project but instructor and principal for the project, so awaiting developments.
- Airline: Thompson Dpt. of Public Works has not yet had time to spread stonedust.
- French River, easement north of K of C: Work party to finish bench cut postponed.
- News from Southbridge (Tom Ayu)/Quinebaug Valley Rail Trail (QVRT): substantial funds realized from sale of rails between Golden Greek and Dudley line; working on ways to remediate bad section of bank erosion. Tom has been working on GPS mapping, has sample to send, and is interested in helping map Thompson trails.

NEXT BUSINESS MEETING: Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall

Mike made a motion, seconded by David, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm.